1. **Power :**

Reasons for shortfall is due to delays in civil works BHEL supply and erection, law and order problem in some of the States etc.

The shortfall in thermal generation was mainly attributable to a good monsoon and consequent reduced load demand, particularly in the Agricultural Sector.

2. **Coal:**

In Coal India the major reasons for shortfall were flooding of underground mines, power failures, absenteeism and industrial relation problems. In Singareni industrial relation and law and order problems were the major reasons.

3. **Steel:**

The shortfall in Saleable Steel is due to acute shortage of power and steel melting scraps, inadequate availability and inferior quality of cooking coal, problems of equipments in the steel plants, etc.

4. **Railways:**

The shortfall was due to dislocations due to cyclone on the East Coast affecting the South Eastern Railways. Widespread agitations were also reasonable for the shortfall in traffic realisation.

5. **Telecommunications:**

The major reasons for shortfall is inadequate supply of the equipments.

6. **Shipping:**

The main reasons for shortfall was massive scrapping of old tonnage accompanied by low acquisition levels due to constraint on resources and the difficult balance of payment position.

7. **Transport:**

The primary reason for shortfall in the acquisition programme has the constraint on resources and traffic was mainly due to lower throughout of containers and general cargo, coal and iron ore.

8. **Fertilizers and Cement:**

There has been only a negligible shortfall in case of the production of nitrogenous fertilizers and cement.

9. **Petroleum and Natural Gas:**

The shortfall in crude oil and associated gas production was due to technical reasons and environmental problems; besides law and order situation in Assam.

**Import of Fertilizers**

1093. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large amount of foreign exchange has been released for import of fertilizer this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made to ensure distribution of imported fertilizers to small and marginal farmers at subsidised rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). Foreign exchange budget amounting to Rs. 4545 crores has been allocated during the current year for imports of fertilizers, fertilizer raw-materials and intermediates. This includes a sum of Rs. 650 crores for imports from rupee payment areas.

(c) Fertilizers are distributed to the farmers at the notified prices and no distinction is made between the indigenous and imported fertilizers for the purpose of subsidy. However, to exempt small and marginal farmers from the latest increase in prices with effect from 14.8.1991, a Central Sector Scheme on Fertilizer Subsidy to Small and Marginal Farmers has been introduced. A total amount of Rs. 405.00 crores has been earmarked for this purpose during current year.

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**Sewerage Facilities in Himachal Pradesh**

1094. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Himachal Pradesh Government has submitted any proposal for maintaining the cleanliness of the cities and for provision of sewerage facilities therein; and

(b) the details of the assistance sought by the State Government for provision of sewerage facilities in Simla, Solan, Nahan, Ponta Sahib, Nalagarh, Jheog, Kumarsen and Roru?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh has submitted a package proposal for providing water supply, sewerage, drainage and environmental improvement of urban slums in six towns, viz., Shimla, Dharmshala, Mandi, Manali, Chamba ans Solan at an estimated cost of Rs. 110.35 crores to the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) in this Ministry for clearance from technical angle.

No sewerage scheme has been received in respect of Nahan, Ponta Sahib, Nalagarh, Jheog Kumarsen and Roru.

**Proposal from Himachal Pradesh for Electronic Units**

1095. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the proposal received from the State Government for setting up of Electronic units in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years; and

(b) the amount allocated during the last two years for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No proposal has been received from the State Government for setting up of Electronic units in Himachal Pradesh during the last two years.

(b) Does not arise.

**Food grains supplied to Himachal Pradesh**

1096. SHRI KRISHAN DUTT SULTANPURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: the quantity of foodgrains such as rice, sugar etc. being supplied to the State Government by the Union Government with the details thereof as at present and during the last one year?